Proposal for More Powers to CBI

4951. SHRI R.S. GAVAI:
SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL:
Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to provide more powers to CBI;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have mooted the concept of "Federal crimes" to expedite the functioning of CBI and for removing the hurdles that come in accoplishing its task without getting permission from the State Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The CBI derives its powers from the Delhi Special Police Establishment Act, 1946. The structure and functioning of the Central Bureau of Investigation had come under detailed scrutiny of the Supreme Court in the Vineet Narain Case. The Court had, in its judgement dated 18.12.97 in the aforesaid case, given certain directions for improvement of the functioning of the CBI. The Government have decided to implement the aforesaid judgement of the Court and action has been taken accordingly.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration of the Government at present.

(d) Does not arise.

Holidays bring Work in Government Offices to Standstill

4952. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has drawn to the news-item captioned "Holidays bring work in Government offices to standstill" appearing in Hindustan Times dated 14th April, 2000;

(b) if so, what are Government's views;

(c) whether it is a fact that the last Central Pay Commission had inter-alia made recommendations of six days a week; and

(d) if so, what is the final decision of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSION AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The matter, however, relates to State Govt. offices and its employees. The matter, therefore, falls outside the jurisdiction of the Central Govt.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In the light of the 5th Central Pay Commission's recommendations, Government Departments whose functions are pre-dominantly marked by public dealings or of commercial nature, have been advised to review the existing arrangements and switch over to six day week working wherever feasible.

Use of Hindi Typewriter in the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

†4953. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the name of such offices under his Ministry/Department which do not have a single Hindi Typewriter, so far;

(b) the reasons for not purchasing the Hindi typewriters so far and the officers responsible for such negligence; and

(c) the action taken to ensure compliance of targets fixed for the purchase of Hindi typewriter by the department of official language in its annual Hindi programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) There is no office in the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation that does not have at least one Hindi typewriter or a bilingual electronic typewriter.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.